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Applicant : Theodore M. Osborne, II, et al.
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Dear Sir:

Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application the existence of the following related U.S. patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/481,151 filed on January 12, 2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/548,203 filed on April 13, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/645,279 filed on August 24, 2000, which is a Divisional

Application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/482,178 filed on January 12, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/151,418 filed on August 30, 1999;

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application or this letter, he or she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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